

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (original) A shopping bag made of a thermoplastic
2 synthetic resin with two adjacent side panels (8 and 9) welded
3 together at side (6 and 7) and bottom edges and having inner faces
4 to which are welded profiled strips of a closure (4) operable by a
5 slider (3) and serving to close a fill mouth (10), characterized in
6 that each side panel (6 and 7) is formed below the closure (2) with
7 a hand hole (4).

1 2. (original) The shopping bag according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the hand hole (4) is punched out of the side
3 panels (6 and 7).

1 3. (original) The shopping bag according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the hand hole (4) is formed as a C-shaped
3 cutout in the side panels (6 and 7).

1 4. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 one of claims claim 1 [[to 3]], characterized in that a
3 thermoplastic-foil reinforcement (5) is welded on an inner face of
4 each side panel (6 and 7) around each of the hand holes (4).

1 5. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 ~~one of claims~~ claim 1 [[to 4]], characterized in that the side
3 panels (6 and 7) are made of an insulating foil.

1 6. (original) A shopping bag made of a thermoplastic
2 synthetic resin with two adjacent side panels (12 and 13) welded
3 together at side and bottom (17) edges and having inner faces to
4 which are welded profiled strips of a closure (14) operable by a
5 slider 18) and serving to close a fill mouth, characterized in that
6 a handle (15 or 16) made of a thermoplastic synthetic-resin foil is
7 welded to an outer face of each side panel (12 and 13), each handle
8 (15 and 16) being formed with a hand hole and extending in welded-
9 on condition toward the floor edge (17) of the bag (11) and lying
10 flatly against the respective side panel (12 and 13).

1 7. (original) The shopping bag according to claim 6,
2 characterized in that the hand holes (19) are each made as an
3 opening punched in the respective handles (15 and 16).

1 8. (original) The shopping bag according to claim 6,
2 characterized in that the hand holes (19) are formed as C-shaped
3 cutouts in the handles (15 and 16).

1 9. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 ~~one of claims~~ claim 6 [[to 8]], characterized in that the side
3 panels (12 and 13) are made of an insulating foil.

1 10. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 ~~one of claims~~ claim 6 [[to 9]], characterized in that the handles
3 (15 and 16) are welded on directly below the closure (14).

1 11. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 ~~one of claims~~ claim 6 [[to 10]], characterized in that the handles
3 (15 and 16) are welded on together with the closure (14).

1 12. (currently amended) The shopping bag according to
2 ~~one of claims~~ claim 6 [[to 10]], characterized in that the handles
3 (15 and 16) extend partially across the side panels (12 and 13) or
4 extend over the full width of the side panels (12 and 13).